

FLOOR SCHEDULE FOR FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2015

HOUSE MEETS AT:	FIRST VOTE PREDICTED:	LAST VOTE PREDICTED:
9:00 a.m.: Legislative Business Five "One Minutes"	11:00 – 11:30 a.m.	12:00 – 12:30 p.m.

Complete Consideration of [H.R. 2028](#) – Energy and Water Appropriations Act, 2016 (Rep. Simpson – Appropriations). H.R. 2028 appropriates \$35.4 billion in discretionary budget authority for the Department of Energy, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and other agencies funded in the bill for FY 2016, which is \$1.2 billion (3.5%) above FY 2015 levels but \$633 million below the President’s request.

The measure also increases funding for the nation's nuclear weapons stockpile, but makes significant cuts to funding for fossil fuels and alternative energy programs. Advanced energy research, environmental cleanup activities, nuclear non-proliferation programs, and most renewable energy programs would see flat funding or minor increases. The Department of Energy’s Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency office is cut \$266 million below FY 2015. The bill also includes numerous controversial policy riders, including three that hinder the Corps of Engineers’ ability to address water pollution under the Clean Water Act, one blocking the agencies in the bill from implementing the National Ocean Policy, and one allowing guns to be carried on all Corps of Engineers lands.

Republicans are developing this year's spending bills based on their budget resolution’s adherence to sequester level discretionary spending caps for FY 2016, established in the Budget Control Act of 2011. The two-year Ryan-Murray Bipartisan Budget Agreement to replace much of the sequester’s cuts to defense and non-defense funding has expired, limiting resources for the regular appropriations process to \$1,016.6 billion for FY 2016, a funding increase of just 0.29%. Because this Energy & Water appropriations bill includes an increase larger than 0.29%, cuts to other non-defense Appropriations subcommittees’ 302(b) allocations will be necessary without an agreement to replace the sequester. At the same time, Republicans are exempting defense from the sequester by shifting \$38 billion of the President’s base defense request into the Overseas Contingency Operations (OCO) war funding account, relieving pressure to replace the sequester for non-defense priorities. For these reasons, as well as the policy riders in the bill, the Administration issued a SAP stating that, should it reach his desk, the President’s advisors would recommend he veto this bill. **Members are urged to VOTE NO.**

The Rule, which was adopted on Wednesday, provides for no further general debate and makes in order any amendment offered that complies with the House Rules. Additionally, the Rule provides for 10 minutes of debate per amendment equally divided between the proponent and an opponent and up to 10 pro forma amendments for the purpose of debate offered by the Chair and Ranking Member or their designee. The House will complete consideration of amendments at the end of the bill today.

The following amendments had recorded votes pending as of last night:

- Rep. Rothfus Amendment
- Rep. Gosar Amendment
- Rep. Blackburn Amendment
- Rep. McClintock Amendment
- Rep. LaMalfa Amendment #1
- Rep. LaMalfa Amendment #2

Bill Text for H.R. 2028:
[PDF Version](#)

Background for H.R. 2028:
[House Report \(HTML Version\)](#)
[House Report \(PDF Version\)](#)

The Daily Quote

"...[T]here are thousands of jobs on the line that would disappear pretty quickly if the Ex-Im Bank were to disappear."

- House Speaker John Boehner, Politico, 4/30/2015